are under process for sanction for last two years {Detailed Project Reports (DPR) received from States before 28.02.2004}

(b) and (c) Under NLCPR projects delay has been caused due to late/ non submission of revised DPRs/clarifications on expert comments of subject matter Central Ministries on the original DPRs by the State Governments. The funds in these projects would be released on their sanction, which depends on quick submission of revised DPRs with proper clarification of the comments of subject matter Central Ministries by the State governments.

In case of NEC projects, prior consultations with Planning Commission and respective Line Ministries of Government of India are made before the projects are considered for Standing Finance Committee (SFC)/ Expenditure Finance Committee (EFC) clearance and formal approval by the competent authority. In these cases also the State Government/ Implementing Agencies take time to furnish comment on queries which delays sanction of projects.

(d) and (e) No, Sir. The Department of Development of North Eastern Region was created in September 2001 (later upgraded to Ministry on 27.05.2004). Since then, apart from the projects sanctioned under NEC schemes, three hundred seventy seven (377) project costing Rs. 3043.06 crore have been sanctioned under NLCPR alone for the development of North Eastern Region including Sikkim.

Special Area Game Complex in NER

1375. SHRI URKHAO GWARA BRAHMA: Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:

(a) the list of Special Area Game Complex in the North Eastern Region, funded by his Ministry, State-wise;

(b) the list of already completed and incomplete SAG Complex, State-wise; and

(c) the targeted year of completion of incomplete projects?

THE MINISTER OF DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION (SHRI P.R. KYNDIAH): (a) to (c) As per the information received from the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, there are six Special Area Games (SAG)

Centres in the North Eastern Region. All the SAG Centres have already been completed. The State-wise location of the Centres is as under:

State	SAG Centre
Manipur	Imphal
	Utlov
Sikkim	Namchi
Tripura	Agartala
Mizoram	Aizawl
Arunachal Pradesh	Naharlagun

Children out of school

†1376. SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 6.94 per cent children of the age group of 6 to 13 years in the country are not going to schools;

(b) if not, the facts thereof;

(c) whether Government have collected State-wise facts related to the children of above said age group of the country who are not going to schools; and

(d) if so, the percentage of those children who are not going to schools State-wise and whether Government have made any scheme for making special arrangements for education in those States where the percentage of children not going to school is more than the national level?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) to (d) According to an imdependent survey commissioned by the Ministry of Human Resource development in July-October, 2005, 6.94% children in the age group of 6-14 years were estimated to be out of school. State-wise details are indicated in the enclosed Statement (*See* below).

The scheme of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) seeks universalisation of elementary education as well as universal retention by 2010. SSA provides for several varieties of interventions, *inter-alia* opening of new schools, setting up of Education Guarantee Scheme Centres and Alternative & Innovative Education facilities to enhance enrolment; incentives; focus on

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.